

April 28, 1995

ODESSA DRUM CO., Odessa, Ector Co. TX

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POLREP No.: 3

Site ID # Z2 TXD008012254  
Response Authority: CERCLA  
Action Memo Status: Signed July 11, 1994  
Start Date: January 9, 1995  
CERCLA incident category: Inactive waste management facility

SITE DESCRIPTION:

The Site is an abandoned drum reconditioner which operated from the early 1960s until 1990. Over 100,000 drums were left onsite when the PRPs abandoned the site. The 10 acre site is located in a mixed industrial/residential area on the outskirts of Odessa. Corrosive, and organic materials, and heavy metal contaminated waste have been found in the drums and soil onsite.

SITUATION:

Current Situation:

Over 100,000 drums are stacked on the 10 acre site. A removal action is underway which will remove and properly dispose of the drums and their contents. Rivas Environmental Consultants (REC) are conducting the removal action under a site specific contract.

Removal Actions to Date:

As of April 28, 1995, approximately 31,000 drums have been removed from the site to metal recycling. REC is removing drums at a pace of 500 to 700 drums per day (over 900 drums were processed yesterday). The drums recovered to date with liquid waste (app. 1700) are being sampled and consolidated. Recovered drums with solid waste (app. 800) are staged and are waiting for sampling and identification.

The Option 1 of the site specific contract has been activated for Area 2. The Area 2 contains an estimated 40,000 drums.



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Planned Removal Actions:

PHASE

- I Removal and dispose of all drums and their contents
- II Determine extent of soil contamination
- III Excavate and dispose of contaminate soil

NEXT STEPS:

Continue the removal of drums in the Area 2. Continue haz-cat'ing the recovered drums.

KEY ISSUES:

DISPOSITION OF WASTE:

The 31,000 drums are being sent to a metal recycler. No disposal of drum contents have occurred. The bulk streams will be disposed of when a significant quantity has been collected.